



ABC Update June 2014

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Kentucky ABC Investigators' Enforcement Efforts Making Positive Difference

Nearly 100 citations issued in recent weeks

It's no secret that tail-gating at Keeneland and local festivals are part of the springtime rites of passage in Kentucky. After all, if you haven't taken in the sunshine and blossoming trees and flowers watching one of the Commonwealth's greatest sports, horse racing then you are missing a great event.

And, the spring also is a time for annual festivals that celebrate our heritage, like Hillbilly Days in Pikeville.

While those, and other events, are popular pastimes, they can also provide opportunities for some to spoil the fun of others by breaking the state Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) laws which keep such events safe and enjoyable for everyone.

"The department, and its investigators, isn't out to play 'gotcha' when we do a targeted enforcement detail (TED)," said Mike Razor, director of enforcement for ABC. "Our goal, rather, is to visit these popular venues and make sure the public is safe and to combat youth access to alcoholic beverages. If someone of age is buying alcohol for those underage, we want to make sure they know this is against the law and we will cite them. The same is true for those in possession of alcohol but underage. It is a dangerous slope they are on if they are not of legal age to possess alcohol and we work hard to educate and enforce that for their sake, as well as others."

The just-concluded spring meet at Keeneland shows the ABC enforcement team conducted four TED's yielding 62 citations during those four days. Among those citations, 45 were for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Just this past weekend, ABC enforcement officers visited the Hillbilly Days in Pike County which results in 34 total charges ranging from possession of alcohol by a minor (12) to arrests for alcohol and public intoxication (7).

"Everyone likes to have a good time, whether it is at a horse race or festival," Razor said. "But those of legal age to consume alcohol should do so responsibly. It's the safe and smart thing to do."

Razor said ABC will also be conducting targeted enforcement details periodically at the current spring meet at Churchill Downs.

Reducing underage drinking and educating the public concerning this problem supports Gov. Beshear's recently created initiative, [kyhealthnow](http://kyhealthnow.com), which is working to address the overall health issues facing Kentuckians.



Government Technology-2014 Best of Kentucky Awards



Phil St. John, the Information Systems Manager for the Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, was awarded the "Government Technology-2014 Best of Kentucky Awards—Most Innovative S.T.A.R." for the Licensing and Regulation tracking system currently used by the Department. The 'Most Innovative Use of Technology - Government' award is given to individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated a creative, unique and resourceful use of technology in Government. This category is open to any government agency at the state and local levels, no matter how large or small.

ABC is committed to continue to provide innovative uses of technology and will be releasing the ability to register brand and submit applications for all our license types by the end of this year. Look to our web site, Facebook, and the Beverage Journal for addition information and release dates.



General Counsel Featured Speaker at Legal Symposium

The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's General Counsel, Steve Humphress, was a featured speaker at the 21st annual Legal Symposium presented by the National Alcohol Beverage Control Association. State and national leaders attend this conference to discuss legal issues surrounding current alcohol trends and alcohol related topics. This is Humphress' second consecutive year of being the featured speaker at the conference.

S.T.A.R. Class Schedule for May and June

Date	Time	City	County	Location
05/17/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
05/19/2014	9:00AM	Hazard	Perry	Kentucky River ADD/Perry Park
05/19/2014	9:00AM	Central City	Muhlenberg	Central City Convention Center
05/20/2014	9:00AM	Danville	Boyle	Hampton Inn
05/27/2014	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
05/27/2014	9:00AM	Florence	Boone	Florence Government Center
05/31/2014	9:00AM	Grayson	Carter	Grayson Fire Department
06/03/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
06/09/2014	5:00PM	Frankfort	Franklin	Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control
06/09/2014	5:00PM	Owensboro	Daviess	Cigar Factory Mall
06/10/2014	9:00AM	Paducah	McCracken	City Hall
06/14/2014	9:00AM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
06/16/2014	6:00PM	Louisville	Jefferson	Ramada Conference Center
06/16/2014	9:00AM	Cave City	Barren	Cave City Convention Center
06/17/2014	9:00AM	Corbin	Whitley	City Hall-Corbin
06/23/2014	9:00AM	Prestonsburg	Floyd	Jenny Wiley SRP
06/23/2014	9:00AM	Hopkinsville	Christian	Hampton Inn
06/24/2014	5:00PM	Lexington	Fayette	Four Points by Sheraton
06/30/2014	9:00AM	La Grange	Oldham	Fiscal Court Building
06/30/2014	9:00AM	Mount Sterling	Montgomery	Health and Civic Center